



hf happenings

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Provisional Results of the SARL YL Sprint

The committee received 13 logs for the YL Sprint held on Sunday 9 August 2015. One of the log submissions was marked "Whale Contest" but I will not divulge the name of the sender!



- 1st Colette Rundle, ZS2CR, 172 points
- 2nd Talanne Van Tonder, ZS6TVT, 136 points
- 3rd KARTS, ZS6KTS, operated by Mary Harding, ZS6AKR, 121 points
- 4th Pam Momberg, ZS6APT, 117 points
- 5th Sylvia Coleman, ZS5SC, 101 points
- 6th Dawn Snyders, ZS5ME, 86 points
- 7th Adele Tyler, ZS5APT, 71 points
- 8th Max Bouckley, ZS6MAX, 39 points
- 9th Theunis Potgieter, ZS2EC, 29 points
- 10th Stephan van Jaarsveld, ZS6SVJ, 26 points
- 11th Brian Best, ZS5SB, 22 Points
- 12th Lucas Swart, ZS6ACT, 6 points
- 13th Henk Gelderblom, ZS6JHG, 5 points

Thanks to all who participated, who submitted logs and congratulations to Colette!

Final Results of the SARL HF Contest

The contest committee received 35 logs for the HF Phone contest held on Sunday 2 August. The results below are now deemed the final results.

- 1st Hans Kappetijn, ZS6KR, 144 points
- 2nd Romeo Nardini, ZS6ARQ, 137 points
- 3rd Pam Momberg, ZS6APT, 132 points
- 4th Brendon Muller, ZS4BM, 129 points
- 5th Pierre Holtzhausen, ZS6PJH, 109 points
- 6th Jaco Cronje, ZR6CMG, 108 points

- 7th Sid Tyler, ZS5AYC, 99 points
- 8th Abe Swiegelaar, ZS1ZS, 93 points
- 9th Johan van Aarde, ZS2I, 91 points
- 10th Bruce Dunn, ZS5XT, 87 points
- 11th Theunis Potgieter, ZS2EC, 85 points
- 12th Nick Dreyer, ZS6NCK, 84 points
- 13th John Golby, ZS1ZC, and Max Bouckley, ZS6MAX, 83 points
- 15th Brian Jones, ZS6BV, 82 points
- 16th Keith Liddle, ZS6AGF, 81 points
- 17th Pravin Kumar, ZS5LT, 80 points
- 18th Andrew Thompson, V51YJ, 72 points
- 19th Alan Saul, ZS1LS, 71 points
- 20th Stephen van Jaarsveld, ZS6SVJ, 58 points
- 21st Lucas Swart, ZS6ACT, and Heather Holland, ZS6YE/5, 57 points
- 23rd Denis Wheeler, ZR6DNS, 47 points
- 24th Willem van der Merwe, ZS6WIM, 44 points
- 25th Etienne Naude, ZS6EFN, 44 points
- 26th Richard Hooper, ZS6RKE, 35 points
- 27th Christi Grobbelaar, ZS4CGR, 34 points
- 28th Gert du Plessis, ZR6GRT, 30 points
- 29th Johannes Sieberts, ZR6JS, 28 points
- 30th Wally Moll, ZS6BCI, 23 points
- 31st Paul Greeff, ZS6IO, and Louis Roodt, ZS6CAU, 22 points
- 33rd Geoff Levey, ZS6C, and Eddie Leighton, ZS6BNE, (QRP, RaDAR) 19 points
- 35th Henk Gelderblom, ZS6JHG, 4 points

Highest score on a single band

- 1st Hans Kappetijn, ZS6KR, 106 on 40 m
- 2nd Romeo Nardini, ZS6ARQ, 100 on 40 m
- 3rd Andrew Thompson, V51YJ, 72 on 20 m
- 4th John Golby, ZS1ZC, 53 on 20 m

Club Competition

- 1st Pretoria ARC, 402 points
- 2nd West Rand ARC, 351 points



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3rd Bloemfontein ARC, 163 points
 4th Centurion ARC, 155 points
 5th Hibiscus ARC, 99 points
 6th Port Elizabeth ARS, 85 points
 7th Soutpansberg ARC, 82 points
 8th Secunda ARC, 57 points
 9th Kempton Park ARTS, 57 points
 10th Lichtenburg ARC, 19 points

Some Statistics from the HF Phone Contest

In HF Happenings 667, I mentioned that 32 logs had been submitted for the HF Phone Contest (then three amateurs contacted me and said they had mailed their logs on 6 August, but did not appear in my inbox). Stephan, ZS6SVJ, asks, "Why only 32 logs, I heard three figure serial numbers!"

It could be that radio amateurs are not keeping logbooks! On the other hand, it could be that they are just plain lazy!

The rules allow you to submit your log in Cabrillo or ADIF format as well as by making use of the MS Excel spreadsheet available on the League's web site as well as on the West Rand ARC web site - and from ZS4BS.

In the HF Phone Contest, 164 QSOs were made on 20 metres with Andrew, V51YJ making 56 QSOs and John, ZS1ZC, making 43 QSOs. On 40 metres, 1 342 QSOs were made with Hans, ZS6KR, on 90 and Romeo, ZS6ARQ on 84 QSOs. Down on 80 metres, 204 QSOs were made with Hans, ZS6KR, making 26 and Alan, ZS1LS, and Brendon, ZS4BM, making 21 each.

Adding everything together, 1 710 QSOs were made between 13:00 and 16:30 UTC on 2 August 2015.

The South African Radio League HF CW Contest

The aim of the HF CW Contest is for participants to contact as many amateurs in Southern Africa as possible on the 20, 40 and 80 m amateur bands.

The HF CW contest takes place from



August
 2 – CQ ZS, the SARL HF Phone Contest
 8 to 10 Aug – 7P8BM active holiday style from Malealea
 9 - National Women's Day; SARL YL Sprint; Closing date HF Phone Logs
 10 – Public Holiday
 15 and 16 – International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend
 16 – CQ ZS, the SARL HF Digital Contest
 22 – Amateur Radio in Action – Johannesburg
 23 – Closing date for the HF Digital logs
 27 to 30 Aug - Gariep Arts Festival, Kimberley
 28 and 29 Aug - Hantam Vleisfees, Calvinia
 30 – CQ ZS, the SARL HF CW Contest

September
 2 – Secretary's Day
 3 Closing date October RAE
 4 – Casual Day; 1 SA Tank Regiment Night Shoot
 5 – SA Armour Museum Open Day
 6 – Closing date for HF CW Logs
 5 and 6 - IARU Region 1 SSB Field Day
 12 and 13 – SARL National Field Day
 14 and 15 - Rosh Hashanah
 16 – World Ozone Day
 19 - Amateur Radio in Action, Pretoria
 19 and 20 – SARL VHF/UHF Contest
 20 – Closing date for National Field Day logs
 23 - Yom Kippur; Spring Equinox
 24 – National Braai Day (National Heritage Day)
 25 – School holiday
 26 and 27 - CQ WW RTTY Contest
 27 – Closing date for VHF/UHF logs

13:00 to 16:30 UTC on Sunday 30 August
 2015 activity from 14 000 to 14 060 kHz; 7 000 to 7 040 kHz and 3 510 to 3 560 kHz.

You can participate as a Single Operator Single Band, a Single Operator All Band; a Multi Operator Single Band or a Multi Operator All Band station. Individual competitors and club stations are encouraged to compete.

The exchange is a RST report and a consecutive serial number starting at 001. Digital contacts count 2 points. Count two points for each area (see below) on each band. Count 2 points for each stations contacted on all three bands.

Area 1: ZS1 Western Cape
 Area 2: ZS2 Eastern Cape
 Area 3: ZS3 Northern Cape

Area 4: ZS4 Free State

Area 5: ZS5 KwaZulu-Natal

Area 6: ZS6 Gauteng, Mpumalanga; Limpopo and North West

Area 7: 3B8 Mauritius, 3DA Swaziland, 7P Lesotho, 7Q Malawi, C9 Mozambique, Z2 Zimbabwe, 5R Madagascar, FR Reunion Island and FH Mayotte

Area 8: 9J Zambia, A2 Botswana, D2 Angola, V5 Namibia, ZD9 Gough and Tristan da Cunha Islands, ZS7 Antarctica and ZS8 Marion Island

Contacts with stations outside these areas are allowed, QSO points may be claimed but no zone or three-bander points may be claimed.

Certificates are awarded to the first three places and the highest single band score in each contest. There is also a trophy for the highest combined score in the three HF contests (phone, digital and CW).

Log sheets must be submitted in .adi, .cbr or MS Excel format by midnight 23 August 2015 by e-mail to zs4bfn@gmail.com. Name you log "your call sign.cbr" or "your call sign.adi" or "your call sign.xls" e.g. ZS6C.cbr or ZS2EC.adi or 7P8DG.xls

DO Not submit your log as a .jpg, .png or .pdf file!!

Bouvet Island

Preliminary plans were for 3Y0F to be active from Bouvet Island for two weeks between December 2015 and January 2016. On 13 August Alex Lebedev, UN7PCZ, reported, "some logistical issues remain open and unresolved," and that "for obvious lack of immediate progress, I must admit that our operation will probably be delayed until the next season, 2016/2017." Read the press release on www.dx-world.net.

Joint Cuba-US DX Operation Planned

In the wake of the recently announced normalization of diplomatic relations between the US and Cuba, a joint US-Cuba operation is being planned for this fall, to

include the dates of the CQ World Wide SSB contest.

"The combined group will be operating under the call sign T42US between 21 and 28 October, including during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest," the announcement said. "There will be nine operators from the USA and approximately the same number from Cuba. The T42US group will operate 160 to 10 meters, SSB and CW."

The US Team leader is Jim Millner, WB2REM, and the Cuban Team Leader is Bob Ibarra, CM2KL. Millner said the T42US operation will be among the first of its kind in Cuba and will involve a joint effort between the US and Cuban teams. Read more at <http://www.arrl.org/news/joint-cuba-us-dx-operation-planned-will-include-cq-world-wide-ssb-contest>.

Point of View about the Possible Operation from North Korea (P5)

Paul, N6PSE, has posted the following interesting article - "The realities of a North Korean amateur radio activation..." at <https://n6pse.wordpress.com/2015/08/10/the-realities-of-a-northkorean-amateur-radio-activation>

New Version of Global Overlay Mapper released - now geocode and plot logs!

Dear OM/YL - I am writing to you because you have used a previous version of the Global Overlay Mapper, LogView, or left a message on my GuestMap. I thought you might be interested to know that a new version of the Global Overlay Mapper has just been released and I invite you to download it and see how it works in your shack.

Some background - The Global Overlay Mapper has been around for some years. The previous version was built as a series of browser pages within a Windows shell and reached the end of its life once Windows introduced 'User Account Control', making remote updating too difficult. At that time, I was away from Ireland, backpacking around the world as a pro-travel photographer

<http://www.gnomeplanet.com/> for 8 years. Now back home again, I decided to completely re-write the Global Overlay Mapper as a proper Windows program that was compatible with Win 7, 8, and 10.

What is new - The 38 maps have been updated to include all the new countries, prefixes, flags and IOTA entities. (The Global Overlay Mapper is the only ham map-suite that displays all IOTA entities.) As a proper Windows program, I can now add a variety of features that I had been planning for some time. You can now geocode a Cabrillo or ADIF log - in other words, you can add positions to each QSO and then plot your log on a map, thanks to the nice guys at HamQTH.Com. You can plot lists of positions or Maidenhead Locators. You can see, display and plot call book information. You can see real-time NCDXF Beacon transmission schedules, and plot the beacons. The Help Guide is extensive.

Who is it for? - The Global Overlay Mapper is ideal for every ham, no matter where their special field of interest might be. The local rag chewer, the HF and VHF DXer, International or Local Contester, Field Day Team, Emergency Communications Specialist, DXCC and Award Hunter, IOTA expeditioner; all will find the Global Overlay Mapper an important tool for everyday use. The Global Overlay Mapper is now shareware - it works for 30 days and then requires registration, which costs just USD15 or Euro equivalent. If you registered a previous version, you can upgrade for just USD5. To find out more, and download your copy, please visit

<http://www.mapability.com/ei8ic/gom/intro.php>

If you like it, please tell your friends and club-members and mention it on your website. If you have any suggestions for new features, maps or programs, please let me know.

73s, Tim Makins, EI8IC

Web Site of the Week

Science Channel, How It's Made

The Science Channel provides bite-sized (2 to 6 minute) videos on how various things are made. It is intriguing to see machines, tools and techniques used to make things as mundane as inner tubes or confections and give me ideas on how to handle or use materials. The How It's Made link on the Science Channel provides one means to watch these videos www.sciencechannel.com/tv-shows/how-its-made/videos/, another is the How It's Made channel on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjHsPBHX1NNbIqTy4eXVTig>.

Word to the Wise

RDF - Receive Directivity Factor. In practical terms, RDF is a factor measuring the difference in signal from the desired signal direction vs. energy received from all of the other directions. A more precise definition is the "difference between the forward gain of an antenna (usually the maximum forward gain) and the average gain of the antenna."

RDF is used as a figure of merit for low-band antennas, where desired signals can be well above receiver MDF, but are masked by 'louder' noise signals. A comparison of typical antennas used for the low bands and their respective RDFs can be found on W8JI's web site

<http://www.w8ji.com/receiving.htm>.

Operating Tip

Cannot break that CW pileup? Try varying your CW sending speed, or perhaps try sending your call with a straight key - anything to distinguish your call from everyone else calling, but still within the bounds of good operating ethics and practices http://www.contestuniversity.com/attachments/The_Contesting_Code_of_Ethics.pdf.

ILLW shows a strong commitment

Jim Linton, VK3PC, reports that registrations in the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend were higher this year from the major seafaring nations of Australia, England and Germany, adding to

growth from Bulgaria, Canada, Cuba, France, Portugal and Scotland.

The ILLW on 15 and 16 August had 506 registrations from 32 countries, down on 2014, but seemingly reflecting the prevailing political and economic trends.

The magic number 500 registration was from Michael Sealfon, WA2OCG, at Alki Point Lighthouse, which marks the southern entrance to Seattle's Elliott Bay in Washington USA. It provided both a light and fog horns to keep mariners safe on their voyage and as a monument for the first settlers gets plenty of tourists.

An outstanding result came from Cuba that had 13 registrations, and may be due to the normalisation of its relationship with the USA.

A lot of good fun was had, with some participants having heightened public interest in the history of old navigation structures and Amateur Radio. More reports and photos are welcome on both the ILLW Facebook page and the website.

Typical of the DX that can be worked was Cape Wickham Lighthouse on King Island and Glenn Alford, VK3ILW/p VK7, with an ICOM 775 transceiver into a Cushcraft R5 vertical. Although acknowledging he had a good location, there were at times dog piles with notable contacts being to the Canary Islands, Cuba, Baltic Islands, Guatemala, Europe, USA, Alaska, Australia and New Zealand.

The many media mentions included the national broadcaster ABC radio that told listeners at Geraldton in West Australia achieved a world first record for the most people hugging a lighthouse. One of Australia's oldest steel lighthouses in Australia, the red and white candy-striped Point Moore Lighthouse about 400 kilometres north of Perth built in 1878 has dominated the local skyline. More than 1 000 turned out for the world-record ranking embrace. As part of ILLW made possible by Ron Fisher, VK6MP, the doors were open to allow a unique glimpse inside the lighthouse.

Already the next and 19th annual Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend on 20 and

21 August 2016, has 30 registrations. To see the simple guidelines, past reports, or for other information please visit the dedicated website www.illw.net

African DX

Algeria, 7U0 (Special Event). Members of the Algerian Amateur Radio Union (ARU) will be active as 7U0ARU to celebrate the new creation of the Algerian Amateur Radio Union between 1 and 30 September. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via SM4VPZ. An award is available, see QRZ.com for details.

Kenya, 5Z. James, N3ZS is active as 5Z4FV from Kabete indefinitely. Activity is on 80 to 6 metres using mostly SSB. He may be able to accommodate CW QSOs if arranged in advance. He also plans to eventually add 160 metre capability. QSL via WT3Q.

Tanzania, 5H. Maurizio, IK2GZU, will be active again as 5H3MB from Ilembula, Tanzania from 13 September to 18 October, while doing volunteer work for the local mission. QSL via IK2GZU, LoTW and eQSL. Log search and OQRS for direct and bureau cards at www.buffoli-pm.it/5h/qs1%20request.htm.

Zambia, 9J. Peter, 9J2HN, will be active with the special call sign 9J2JOCV from Lusaka, Zambia, between 1 September and 31 December. Activity will be on the HF bands. The special call sign "9J2JOCV" is for celebrating the 50th anniversary of the "Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer" (JOCV). If you need a paper QSL, please send your QSL with SASE (SAE + 1 IRC or \$2) to JL1IHE direct only (no bureau access) - Mr Yoshitaka Kawaku, 2-10 Yamate-cho, Hannocity, Saitama 3570031 Japan. QSL through eQSL or LoTW will be issued after the whole operation period is ended.

Added Note: Special event station 8J1JOCV has been active from Kanagawa, Samukawa Town, Japan, since 1 June to celebrate the same thing. Activity will last until

31 March 2016. QSL via JARL Bureau or direct. QSL Manager is JR1EMO (SASE and 2 IRC).

African Islands

IOTA frequencies

CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz

SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz

St Helena and Ascension islands, ZD7 and ZD8. Oliver, W6NV, will activate these two islands again between October and December. He should be on St Helena, ZD7, IOTA AF-022, between 15 October and 1 November. To celebrate the arrival of Napoleon Bonaparte, 15 October 1815, Oliver has requested the call sign ZD7N. Activity will be on 160 to 6 metres using CW and SSB. He is also expected to participate in the CQ WW DX SSB Contest, 24 and 25 October.

After his operation on St Helena, Oliver will then go to Ascension Island, ZD8, and be active as ZD8W between 5 November and 2 December. He will then join others to be active on the CQ WW DX CW Contest on 28 and 29 November.

Juan De Nova, FR/J. The following press release was sent out on 14 August, "The team is mobilized and carries out many things to prepare under the best conditions for our operation from the island Juan de Nova. Until our departure, we will keep you regularly informed through our official press releases and via our website.

For this new adventure, it was possible to enlarge the team involved into the Tromelin 2014 operation. We are happy to welcome Jacques, F6BEE, Yann, F1NGP, Patrick, F2DX, and Pascal, F5PTM. They re-join Vincent, F4BKV, Flo, F5CWU, Guillaume, F4FET, Michel, FM5CD, and Seb, F5UFX.

We will use the same equipment as the one used in Tromelin, supplemented by various equipment placed at the disposal by sponsors. We are happy to have at our sides

this year Elecraft (transceivers), Spider-beam (fibre masts), Messi & Paoloni (coaxial cables), Expert - SPE (amplifiers), DX Engineering (80 m phasing & accessories), MicroHam (interfaces), DX Avenue (6 m DX Beam antenna). These companies allow us to implement all the desired equipment. We are very grateful for their support.

We do not forget foundations, clubs, associations and individual donators. Some already accepted our requests and gave us their confidence. However, we are still far away from the set objective. Within 1 month, the first payment to settle the boat will have to be carried out. We would like to make another call toward the amateur radio community to ask for their assistance and support. As we have done with our previous operation, we are engaged in a meticulous control of the costs by studying expenditure and by dismissing all things non-essential to a DX Expedition.

The boat that we will use sails in the Indian Ocean throughout the year and the crew knows Juan de Nova well and regularly transports scientists over there. Based on the experiment of our captain, we have determined dates by taking into consideration the end of the cyclonic season as well as the best low tide conditions to unload our equipment at our arrival in the lagoon. We will be on the island from 31 March to 14 April 2016. The call sign used during this expedition will be FT4JA. We recently received the confirmation from the administration.

By then, many points must be solved in order to propose a formidable experience on the two sides of the pile-up. More than ever, we count on your support. Join our page Facebook, Twitter (juandenovadx) and visit regularly our Web site <http://www.juandenovadx.com>.

History this week

The week starting 17 August 2015

1665 - The first Dutch Reformed Church congregation is established in South Africa,

in Cape Town, with the arrival of the Rev Johannes van Arckel

1786 - Davy Crockett is born (17 Aug)

1909 - A snowstorm hits Johannesburg; the snow is 40 cm thick in some places

1960 - Gabon, the last of the 4 area making up French Equatorial Africa becomes independent

2941 (SR) the Company on the Mirkwood Forest Trail (18 Aug)

3018 (SR) Frodo announces his plans to leave Hobbiton

3019 (SR) they come to Helms Deep

2941 (SR) The company walk through open beech-woods much of the day (19 Aug)

2941 (SR) the Company eats the last of their food at supper and Bilbo climbs a tree (20 Aug)

3019 (SR) they set out from Helm's Deep for Isengard

2941 (SR) Bombur awakes in morning and the Company leaves the path when they see the Elves' fire (21 Aug)

2941 (SR) Bilbo fights off spiders (22 Aug)

2941 (SR) the dwarves surrender when surrounded by Elves, but Bilbo uses the ring and disappears (23 Aug)

3019 (SR) The company has parted from the King Elessar

3020 (SR) the Shire still recovers

3021 (SR) Merry and Pippin in the Shire

Get on the **RaDAR**....and GO!

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Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 17 to 24 August 2015

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest

01:00 - 03:00 UTC 17 August



Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Band; All Band

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and member no or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once; Multiply mults by 2 if >50 members worked

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 23 August 2015

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at:

<http://fpqrp.org/pigrun/autolog.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://fpqrp.org/pigrun/>

Phone Fray

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 19 August

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m

Classes: Single Op

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 21 August 2015

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

<http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

http://www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_ConTEST_Rules.pdf

CWops Mini-CWT Test

13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 19 August and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 20 August

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each call once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 22 August 2015

Post log summary at:

<http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html>

QRP Fox Hunt

01:00 UTC-02:30 UTC 21 August

Mode: CW

Bands: 20 m Only

Classes: Single Op (Fox/Hound)

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 02:30 UTC 22 August 2015

E-mail logs to: (see rules)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/summer_rules.htm

NCCC RTTY Sprint

01:45 - 02:15 UTC 21 August

Mode: RTTY

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 23 August 2015

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

<http://www.3830scores.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.ncccsprint.com/rttyns.html>



NCCC Sprint Ladder

02:30 UTC-03:00 UTC 21 August

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

Classes: Single Op

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO;

non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KL7 and KH6) once per band; Each VE province once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 23 August 2015

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

<http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

Hawaii QSO Party

04:00 UTC 22 August to 04:00 UTC 24 August

Mode: CW, Phone, RTTY, PSK

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op Mixed - QRP, low or high;

Single Op Technician - CW and SSB (200

W); Single Op CW - low or high); Single Op Digital High Power; Multi-Single; Multi-Multi
Max operating hours: Single Op: 18
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 150 watts
QRP: 5 watts CW/RTTY/PSK, 10 watts SSB
Exchange: HI: RS(T) and QTH ID; non-HI W/VE: RS(T) and state or province; DX: RS(T)

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: HI: Each HI QTH ID once; HI: Each state/province/territory/country once; non-HI: Each HI QTH ID once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 30 September 2015

E-mail logs to: awards@hawaiiqsoparty.org

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

http://www.hiqsoparty.org/Rules/HQP/HQP_Rules.html

Ohio QSO Party

16:00 UTC 22 August to 04:00 UTC 23 August

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - high, low or QRP; Multi-Op; EOC; Mobile; Rover

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: OH: RS(T) and county; non-OH: RS(T) and state, province or "DX"

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 1 point per SSB QSO; 2 points per CW QSO

Multipliers: OH Stations: Each state, province, OH county, 1 DX once per mode; non-OH Stations: Each OH county once per mode
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults (see rules for mobile stations)

Submit logs by: 21 September 2015

Upload log at:

<http://www.ohqp.org/submitLogFileOhQP.html>

Mail logs to: Ohio QSO Party, c/o Jim Stahl, K8MR, 30499 Jackson Rd., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022-1730, USA

Find rules at:

<http://www.ohqp.org/adminRules.htm>

CVA DX SSB Contest

21:00 UTC 22 August to 21:00 UTC 23 August

Mode: SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Band - low or high; Multi-Single - low or high; Multi-Two; Headquarters; Teen Single Op; YL Single Op

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: RS and type/UF (see rules)

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each UF once per band; each country once only

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 15 September 2015

E-mail logs to: ssb@craec.org

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Find rules at: <http://www.craec.org>

Next Week's Contests

SKCC Sprint, 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 26 August

Phone Fray, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 26 August

CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 26 August and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 27 August

RSGB 80 m Club Sprint, SSB, 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 27 August

QRP Fox Hunt, 01:00 - 02:30 UTC 28 August

NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 28 August

NCCC Sprint Ladder, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 28 August

Feld Hell Sprint, 00:00 - 23:59 UTC 29 August

ALARA Contest, 04:00 - 13:59 UTC 29 August and 04:00 - 13:59 UTC 30 August


SCC RTTY Championship, 12:00 UTC 29 August to 11:59 UTC 30 August

YO DX HF Contest, 12:00 UTC 29 August to 12:00 UTC 30 August

W/VE Islands QSO Party, 12:00 UTC 29 August to 03:00 UTC 30 August

Kansas QSO Party, 14:00 UTC 29 August to
02:00 UTC and 14:00 - 20:00 UTC 30 August
North American SSB Sprint Contest, 00:00 -
04:00 UTC 30 August
SARL HF CW Contest, 13:00 - 16:30 UTC 30
August

Items used with acknowledgement to the
ARRL Letter, the ARRL DX News, the ARRL
Contest Update, OPDX Bulletin, 425 DX Bul-
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RSGB News, DxCoffee, Southgate ARC
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